



## Delaware County Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 17, 2021  
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

### Attendees:

Commission Members	Public
Rebecca Yurkovich	Elaine Schaefer
Thomas Shaffer	Francine Locke
Mark Manfre	Sharon Jaye
Ed Magargee	James McLaughlin
Laura Goodrich-Cairns	Sara McHugh-Grant
Stephanie Howe Hasanali	Jacqueline Gardner
Steve Clark	Mike Ewall
Carol Martsolf	Priscilla Taylor-Williams
Jaclyn Rhoads	Bob Redfern
Scott Sidlow	Gamal Sherif
Jennie Perey Saxe	
David Director	
Shawn Stancill	

1. Welcome and Roll Call – Quorum is present.
2. Update from Elaine Schafer expressing support from Council on the importance and support of green infrastructure and sustainability plan. Thanks expressed to the commission members for their work this past year.
3. Approval of August Meeting Minutes from August Meeting – Edit to add Rebecca Yurkovich as an attendee and that minutes passed halfway through the meeting. Ed M. makes motion to approve the minutes as revised. David D. seconded. Motion passed.
4. Chief Sustainability Officer Update
  - a. Communications Update: using social media to share information; email account has been adjusted ([sustaindelco@co.delaware.pa.us](mailto:sustaindelco@co.delaware.pa.us)); suggestions should be sent to ([jayes@co.delaware.pa.us](mailto:jayes@co.delaware.pa.us)); website has been updated
  - b. CPACE – there has been interest, but no applications to date
  - c. CIP FY22 is moving through committee
  - d. FCNA draft reports have been provided and final version will be ready the first week in October. An update meeting from the consultant will be scheduled.
  - e. SEPA RPPA – RFP went out a few weeks ago, deadline is 10/8/21
  - f. Solid waste ...
  - g. PADEP's Local Climate Action Program
    - i. Cohort has started
    - ii. Meeting with two students from Bryn Mawr to discuss outreach
  - h. Greenways Grants – applications are due today
5. Recommendations for Resolution Amendments
  - a. Proposed amendment schedule
    - i. September 17 meeting vote on recommendations

- ii. Recommendations to Council week of 9/20 to add to agenda for 10/6 Council meeting
    - iii. After Council approves changes, member recruitment can start, amend bylaws must be sent to members by 10/7 for a 10/21 vote
  - b. Proposed Language Amendments were reviewed.
  - c. Action Items
    - i. Motion to approve recommendations for council resolution amendments – Jaclyn R. made motion, Jenny S. seconded; Motion passed
    - ii. Motion to extend commission members' terms that expired in September 2021 until November 30 or until their successors have been installed. Laura G. made motion, David D. seconded. 3 members impacted by this decision have abstained. Ed M. voted against the motion.
    - iii. Discuss possible recruitment ideas and letter of interest process – Dr. Jaye will discuss with ED regarding process
6. Clean Air for DEP Hearing 9/22/21 public comment
- a. DEP public hearing on 9/22 regarding Covanta Title V operating permit
  - b. Motion made to submit a public comment to DEP listing requirements from the Commission that should be included in the Covanta permit – Carol M. made motion, David D. seconded. None opposed, Ed M. abstained. Sharon will double-check resolution to make sure it does not prohibit the Commission from submitting public comment to the DEP.
7. Delaware County Council Solid Waste Management Hearing 9/30/21
- a. Special public hearing 9/30 at 6:00pm. Commission will submit statement on sustainability action plan and commitment to net zero goals.
  - b. Sharon needs volunteers for logistics – Carol M., Steve C., and Shawn S. expressed interest.
8. Sustainability Plan High-Level Goal Update and Outreach Plan: Sharon Jaye
- a. High level review of draft starting with Topic Areas: Health and Wellness, Natural Resources, Transportation, Energy, Waste and Resource Management, Climate Resiliency
  - b. Next steps – perform assessments and initial outreach based on high-level goals; equity and inclusion committee, a round of outreach
  - c. Assessments – cross reference goals with Delco 2035 plans, review committee documents for metrics, GHG inventory complete Dec 2021
  - d. Outreach Plan – Internal, Municipalities, Public (see presentation slides)
9. Committees Discussion
- a. Committees can recruit outside members as subject matter experts – set ground rules that the committees are working groups but public members are welcome
  - b. Committees
    - i. County-wide sustainability plan – helping with outreach
    - ii. Zero waste committee to start meeting in October -
    - iii. Motion made to create equity and inclusion committee or something similarly named – motion made by Stephanie H., Shawn S. seconded. Motion passed.
10. New Business/Announcements
- a. Next meeting 10/21 at 6:00pm
  - b. Consideration for mid-month meeting for presentation of FCNA results (week of October 4<sup>th</sup>) – Commission is in favor.
11. Motion to Adjourn at 3:55pm – Steve C. made motion, David D. seconded. Motion passed.